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### CLAIM LISTING

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the following listing, which replaces any and all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

#### Amendments to the Claims:

##### What is Claimed:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating biometric security in a transponder-reader transaction system comprising:
  - detecting a proffered biometric sample at a biometric sensor communicating with said system ~~to obtain a proffered biometric sample~~;
  - verifying ~~the~~ said proffered biometric sample;
  - determining whether said biometric sample is associated with a preset transaction limitation; and
  - authorizing a transaction upon verification of the proffered biometric sample.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting further includes detecting a proffered biometric sample at a sensor configured to communicate with said system via at least one of a transponder, reader, and network.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes at least one of: ~~detecting~~, storing, and processing a said proffered biometric sample.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting further includes receiving a ~~finite~~ limited number of proffered biometric samples during a transaction.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes logging each proffered biometric sample.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting further includes at least one of ~~detection~~, processing and storing at least one second proffered biometric sample.

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7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes comparing a said proffered biometric sample with a stored biometric sample.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein comparing a proffered biometric sample with a stored biometric sample includes comparing a proffered biometric sample with at least one of a biometric sample of a criminal, a terrorist, and a transponder user.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes verifying a proffered biometric sample using information contained on at least one of a local database, a remote database, and a third-party controlled database.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes verifying a proffered biometric scan sample using one of a protocol/sequence controller and a third-party security vendor.
11. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said preset transaction limitation comprises at least one of a maximum transaction amount, minimum transaction amount, maximum number of transactions within a time period, maximum number of transactions, use by certain merchants, temporal limitation, geographic limitation, and use of non-monetary funds.
12. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising requiring a second proffered biometric sample to override said preset transaction limitation.
13. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein said stored biometric sample is stored by at least one of a third-party biometric security vendor and a governmental agency.